

Jacquie commented that our new Division I playground was completely paid for when the last tire recycling grant came through. Hooray!

Heather Wieler moves to accept the treasurer's report, Amy Churchill 2nd. All in favour: "Yes."

B.) Hot Lunch / Hot Dog Days

Leah shared that we have had a request to add a "donate" button on our hot lunch ordering program as well as an offer to pay for hot lunches for 3 students for the rest of the school year. The Hot Lunch Committee will work with Colleen to try to facilitate both requests.

C.) Shop Til Ya Drop

Tabled until next meeting.

D.) Library Project

Colleen presented cost details about the library commons upgrade project during her Westboro School Council Meeting Principal's Report. Please refer to those meeting minutes for more information.

There is approximately \$14,763 in the bank. We have outstanding accounts payable and allocations of about \$5850. There is a Community Initiatives Grant (matching grant) we can apply for to assist with the school library commons upgrade project. Jacquie will work with Colleen in the new year to determine funding and grant processes for shelving purchases. Debbie and Jacquie will work on a letter to parents for an "adopt a shelf" fundraiser.

E.) Water Bottle Filling Station

As a follow-up to the discussion in September to wait for Infrastructure Maintenance Rehabilitation funding for a school water bottle filling station, Colleen has reviewed current student access to sinks for their use to refill their water bottles. Only one classroom does not have a classroom sink and this class is located right beside the water fountain.

F.) Rick Hansen Accessibility Grant

This program has a grant for up to \$25,000 towards creating accessibility at schools.

Krystal Gibson moves that Jacquie works with Colleen to investigate the grant to assist with the proposed sensory garden project, Debbie Klita 2nd. All in favour: "Yes."

G.) Christmas Concert Raffle

Colleen asked our Parents' Group to organize a raffle similar to last year for prime parking spots and seating to help offset the costs of the school Christmas concert. Krystal and Debbie will organize the raffle.

H.) Playground Update

Jacque shared that we had an incredible grand opening for our playground in September. Many thanks to Ken Galbraith Professional Horseshoeing for sponsoring our BBQ and the two grade 6 masters of ceremonies who did an outstanding job!

The grand opening was attended by:

- Mayor Roxanne Carr
- Councillors Vic Bidzinski, Carla Howatt and Linton Delainey
- EIPS Board Chair Trina Boymook
- Representative from Member of Parliament Garnett Genuis' office Daniel Schow
- Member of Legislative Assembly Annie McKitrick
- EIPS Superintendent Mark Liguori and Associate Superintendent Eileen Zimmerman
- Alberta Recycling Board Member Jeff Dirks

Westboro Parents' Group was invited by our MLA, Annie McKitrick, to attend the November 3rd session at the Alberta Legislature. Annie gave her member's speech in which she acknowledged 2 major projects in Sherwood Park that increased community accessibility: Emerald Hills Aquatic Centre and Westboro Elementary School Playground! She formally introduced and acknowledged the Parents' Group members who attended. Jacque has blogged about this experience at:

<http://www.beaplaygroundhero.com/news/2016/11/6/a-visit-to-the-alberta-legislature>.

In future, we would like to add more trees to our playground to provide afternoon shade. We can apply for a Strathcona County Investment Program (SCIP) grant of up to \$10,000 (non-matching) to pay for additional trees and picnic tables/benches and are working with Strathcona County on this project.

Amy Churchill moves that we apply for a \$10,000 SCIP grant for additional trees, picnic tables and benches, Krystal Gibson 2nd. All in favour: "Yes."

I.) School Request

Mrs. Perrotta and Mrs. Stocks presented a proposal for a sensory garden project during the Westboro School Council Meeting Principal's Report. Please refer to those meeting minutes for more information.

J.) Pancake Breakfast

Our annual school pancake breakfast is scheduled for Friday, December 23rd. Parents' Group organizes and pays for most of the supplies and appreciates the help of any parents who can volunteer on the day of the event. Hi-Pro Feeds will once again provide a donation of up to \$300 towards the purchase of sausages.

Leah Hesson moves that we allocate up to \$500 for the purchase of 2 serving carts, Amy Churchill 2nd. All in favour: "Yes."

K.) E-mail about Special Event

Debbie shared an e-mail from a parent of a former student that came through the Westboro Parents Group e-mail system. It was information on a December ballet production with matinees open to school groups. Colleen responded that all fieldtrips for the school year have already been arranged.

L.) Open Questions

As a follow-up to a discussion in September, Colleen contacted central office with the request to have "Westboro" added to events on the school calendar so it is marked clearly when parents download it. She has not heard back and will follow up again.

Next Meeting Date: January 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Krystal Gibson moves to adjourn at 3:22 pm.